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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6891

BILL NUMBER: SB 557

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 22, 2015

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Solitary Confinement Standards.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Taylor

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to abide by the provisions of the: (1) United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners; and (2) United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; when placing and holding committed persons in solitary confinement or other forms of prolonged isolation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill would permit an offender to file a request with the DOC Indiana Ombudsman Bureau if the offender does not believe that DOC is complying with this new standard. The Ombudsman could investigate whether this new standard placed in statute has been violated.

DOC had 314 secure confinement units in both the Wabash Valley Correctional Unit and the Westville Control Unit in November 2014.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction; Department of Correction Ombudsman Bureau.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: DOC Offender Population Statistical Report, November 2014; IC 4-13-1.2-5.

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